Boston, April 6, 1877.

Dear Mrs. Nichol:

The postman has just delivered your letter of the 20th ult., with reference to my contemplated visit to Great Britain, accompanied by my son Frank. For its expressions of steadfast friendship, its hearty welcome in advance, and its proffered hospitality at Huntly Lodge when we shall visit Edinburgh, accept our grateful acknowledgments. About our coming Frank wrote to you several days ago, but doubtless stating that it was somewhat uncertain whether the voyage would be made, the contingency depending upon the state of my health as the time for sailing drew near. However, we have engaged our passage in the Cunard steamship Algeria,

P. S. Fanny and her family have been in New York since the 1st of November. — I desire to be specially and most affectionately remembered to dear Jane and Eliza Wigham.

which leaves New York for Liverpool on the 23d of May. We had thought of crossing a week earlier in the Russia, but shall substitute the Algeria, hoping to place our feet on British soil by the 4th of June. Lucy, the wife of my son Wendell, having been invited to spend the summer at the Isle of Wight by her friends Mr. and Mrs. Stillman, now residing there, expects to accompany us, with the hope of invigorating her health, which will also be the special object of my visit, in addition to the inexpressible pleasure of once more seeing beloved friends and co-workers in various parts of the kingdom. Unless Mr. Stillman should arrange to meet us in London, Frank and I will go directly with Lucy to the Isle of Wight (via London

B It will be a great comfort to have Frank with me. A more loving and lovable son was never given to a fond father.

and Southampton), and spend a day or two in that beautiful region. We hope to be able to devote a week to Edinburgh, and perhaps as much to Glasgow; then for a tour through the Highlands, unless estopped (as once before) by "St. Swithin's rain," or some other unpropitious occurrence. We shall have only about eleven weeks to spend abroad, and these must be divided among a number of places, in addition to a visit to the Scottish and the Cumberland Lakes. I must eschew all public meetings, and give myself as much rest and recreation as possible, passing quietly along from place to place, and making personal calls or meeting friends in the social circle. It will be deeply to our regret that our stay in Edinburgh must be so brief, and that we must part from you so speedily.

☞ How many things we shall have to talk about when we meet, as pertaining to both countries!

If we are permitted to meet again, it will be just the completion of a decade since we gave the parting look, and bade each other the reluctant farewell. I then supposed it was my final visit to your shores. How the remembrance of your unwearied kindness and generous hospitality to me and my dear children, Fanny and Frank, stirs my heart! – and the assiduous attentions of other friends and of courteous citizens are also gratefully treasured in my memory, not forgetting the marked honor conferred upon me by the authorities in the matter of the freedom of the city. What changes have taken place, what momentous events occurred since that time!

Yours with the highest regards,
Wm. Lloyd Garrison.

P.S. Give my kind regards to Professor Nichol and his good wife. It is pleasant indeed to think of seeing them again.